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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL ANDRESEN EXPLAINS THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AND INITIALLED IN ALGIERS BUT REQUIRES RATIFICATION BY RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS SINCE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN NEGOTIATING TEAMS. AS SUCH, AGREEMENT HAS STATUS AT MOMENT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT INITIALLED BY REPRESENTATIVES BOTH SIDES BUT AWAITING RATIFICATION. FURTHERMORE, AGREEMENT DOES NOT IN ITSELF CONSTITUE GOP RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU BUT REPRESENTS NOT YET RATIFIED DRAFT AGREEMENT BY GOP TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BASSAU PRIOR OPENING UNGA.

2. ALL OF THIS IS TO SOME DEGREE HAIR-SPLITTING, BUT BELIEVE WHITE HOUSE MAY PROCEED TO WELCOME "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" NEGOTIATED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL AND PAIGC IN ALGIERS WHICH CLEARS WAY FOR GOP RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. NOTHING IN TENTATIVE NATURE OF AGREEMENT ALTERS FACT GOP HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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FORMALLY RELEASED ITS ALLIES, AND SPECIFICALLY US, TO PROCEED

WITH RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU.

3. UNABLE CONTACT SPINOLA, SOARES OR OTHER PRINCIPALS IN GOP BUT HAVING DINNER SHORTLY WITH GENERAL COSTA GOMES AND WILL REPORT PROMPTLY IF HE ADVISES ANYTHING DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE. POST

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